

Minutes of the Southeast PTO
November 5, 2005

CALL TO ORDER: 7:10 PM

IN ATTENDANCE: Norma Fisher-Doiron, Edmond & Amy Chibeu , Lesley Sweeney, Monique Brown, Irene Sheehan, Kimberly Clark, Ron Baker, Linda Blum, Karen Sommer, Carol Bonacum, Margaret Morrison, Richelle Strimple, Sandy Baxter

THANK YOU'S:

- Ron Baker, Karen Sommer and Richelle Strimple for fundraiser work; organizing, sorting and coordinating.
- Sue Irvine for briefing us on enrichment activities.
- Vicki Daniels, Cathleen Romeo, and Irene Sheehan for work on March Nutrition month.
- Cheryl Hathway and Sue Kamienski for starting the notecards fundraiser on their own initiative.
- Lisa Cackowski and Cheryl Hathway for organizing the Veteran's Day project and Pauline Hayes, Kate Cox and the Brownie Troop for serving hot chocolate at the event.
- Christina Thompson for giving our parent's bulletin board a makeover and offering to refurbish the carnival games.
- Jane Hazzard and Nancy Banfield for handling the remaining silent auction prizes.
- Irene Sheehan for organizing the school photos.
- Kim O'Keefe for organizing the "Pounds of Pennies" fundraiser for the playscape, and drumming up t-shirt sales.
- Kim O'Keefe, Linda Sydnie, & Kim Ewalt for putting together the plaque recognition project to raise money for the playscape.
- Monica Willding for her work on the bulb fundraiser.
- Kimberly Clark offered a thank you to the Southeast children for raising \$700 in Trick or Treat for UNICEF money.

Presentation by Sandy Baxter, Mansfield School Readiness Coordinator – she came to bring awareness to some of the work social services is doing for families in Mansfield. She talked about the Mansfield Advocates for Children Council, the Family Fun in Mansfield brochure, the early care listing for the area, and mentioned that she is the coordinator of programming around transition to Kindergarten.

Her contact information is as follows:

Sandra Baxter

School Readiness Coordinator

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She mentioned the packet of information organized for new families to Mansfield on parenthood. Much of this information can be found on the town website: mansfieldct.org under “Mansfield Life” & “Mansfield Care and Education”. There are various links. The Mansfield Advocates for Children are basically an advocacy group. They recently sent out the “Parent Power” survey. Feedback is due back by the 15th. She mentioned that Vivian Hussen-Haley, a writer and child advocate, is giving a talk at EastConn encouraging kindness in children. This workshop is for teachers as well. She also mentioned the Child Development Booklet that was developed with Denise Merrill. It has a campaign to get junk food out of the schools. This is connected with a National Group called “Stir It Up”. Amy Chibeau suggested that Sandy come to next year’s Open House and set up a table with her information..

TREASURER’S REPORT: Lesley Sweeney

The Carnival Break down, given \$425 in supplies not previously accounted for, and \$100 returned checks (it was suggested to get the name of this person to the carnival volunteers for next year) left a total of \$5231.03. We had budgeted \$6K. Amy would like a separate sheet of Carnival. \$200 is still outstanding from the carnival. The Fall Bulbs fundraiser did well = \$765. The Yo-Yo sales brought in \$85.70 in unexpected income. We are currently a little behind expectations. Kim Ewalt says wrapping paper was delayed. And brought in less than expected (not \$2300 but \$1600).

A motion to accept was not made.

FUNDRAISERS: Karen Sommer

Cookie Dough – too late says Joan Pinney – Possibly in the Spring.

Karen reviewed the proposed schedule done in years before and developed one for this year but it is a work in progress. Events are grouped around holidays. She noted that Green Thumbs is not a PTO fundraiser. It was noted that the Fall UConn Book Fair goes to library and the Spring Scholastic Book Fair is a PTO fundraiser. Richelle Strimple is looking to have a pie sale at the Book Fair. The Book Fair runs F 8:30 – 3:30, M 8:30 – 8PM, T 8:30 - 5:30

Linda Blum reported that the League of Women Voters was hosting a conference this Wed on a possible change of the school start times. She wanted to know if a representative from the PTO could go. Linda said she will be a contact figure.

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT:

Highlights of the Calendar of Events:

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| November | 7 MMS ‘Teaser’ for Alice in Wonderland |
| | 16= Aladdin Puppet Show |
| | Literacy night for 1 st and 2 nd grade |
| | 11 = Veteran’s Day – No School |
| | 14 = Professional Development Day – No School |
| | 18 = Thanksgiving Lunch |
| | Progress Reports go home |
| | 18 – 23 = Book Fair |

21 = Evening Parent Conferences
22 = Afternoon Parent Conferences
23 = Turkey Trot
24, 25 = Thanksgiving Break – No School

Thursday night is the All day Kindergarten presentation to the Board of Education

We are changing the Thanksgiving Day lunch back to Friday

Tonight's PAC presentation was on kids and video games by Marina Krcmar. Norma noted that Marina is looking for television free homes for a study.

TEACHER'S REPORT:

Mrs. Daniels, the School Nurse wanted to call attention to the new nutrition link on the school web page with the new "kid friendly" food pyramid and links to activities and games for children on good nutrition. March is nutrition month and she is looking for parents to help organize the bulletin board and events for the month.

Jamie Hendricks will be looking into a new picture of the playscape for the web page.

SECRETARIES REPORT: October's minutes were reviewed

Motion for acceptance by: Karen Sommer

2nd by : Richelle Strimple

All in Favor

Note that the following edits were offered after the vote:

Ann Caro (not Carol) and "Linda Blum said that she would.." (a grammatical error)

Miscellaneous:

Reminder was given that Target has a program where you can donate money to the school by using their charge card.

Reminder was given to continue to bring in box tops for the Box Tops For Education project.

It was decided not to do anything for American Education Week.

Reminder of a flu shot clinic for children 13 and up on 11/15, 11/17. Contact VNA East #456-7288 X23C

Motion to adjourn: Kimberly Clark

Motion seconded by: Ron Baker

MEETING ADJOURNED: 8:25 PM
RESPECTIVELY SUBMITTED BY: MONIQUE M. BROWN 11/10/05
NEXT MEETING: December 5, 2005